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SUBJECT: AMERICAN COMPANY HAS LABOR PROBLEM

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1. MWK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF SEATTLE IS IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING CONSTRUCTION OF TWO 50 MW STEAM POWER GENERATORS FOR THE INDONESIAN ELECTRICAL COMPANY (PLN) IN SEMARANG, CENTRAL JAVA. OVER THE PAST MONTHS A LABOR DISPUTE BETWEEN MWK AND 4 TERMINATED EMPLOYEES ABOUT THE QUESTION OF OVER-TIME PAYMENTS HAS RECEIVED PUBLICITY IN ONE OF THE MORE OUTSPOKEN CENTRAL JAVA NEWSPAPERS--HARIAN UMUM PELOPOR OF YOGYAKARTA. THE COMPLAINTS HAVE MANAGED TO HAVE THEIR SIDE OF THE STORY CARRIED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF FOUR ISSUES OF PELOPOR, WHILE FRED OLIVER, CHIEF OF MWK'S SEMARANG OPERATION, HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO HAVE HIS SIDE PUBLIZED AND HAS SUFFERED THE INDIGNITY OF HAVING HIS PICTURE CARRIED ON THE FRONT PAGES OF THE NEWSPAPERS WITH HIS EYES COVERED BY A BLACK STRIP, IN THE MANNER LOCAL INDONESIAN PAPERS PORTRAY CRIMINALS. OLIVER HAS KEPT THE CONSULATE INFORMED OF THE SITUATION FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. THE COMPLAINANTS HAVE NOW MANAGED TO HAVE THE MATTER BROUGHT BEFORE THE LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE IN SEMARANG.

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2. MWK HAS INFORMED THE CONSULATE THAT AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 11 IN SEMARANG AND HAS REQUESTED THE CONSULATE SEND AN OBSERVER, IN THE EXPECTATION THAT THIS WILL INCREASE THE POSSIBILITY OF A FAIR HEARING. I AM PLANNING TO SEND CONOFF TO SEMARANG WITH THE STIPULATION THAT HE NOT BECOME INVOLVED

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS ITSELF BUT ACT AS AN OBSERVER  
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